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SUBJ: SEMI-ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL REPORT -

PERIOD JAN 1- JUNE 30, 1975 -- COLOMBIA

A. HIGHLIGHTS OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

1. GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CONTINUED TO ZJGAND#COVERAGE BY MIXED SPECIALIZED NARC UNITS UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. THESE MIXED UNITS -- HEADED BY LAWYERS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND MADE UP OF NATIONAL POLICE, CUSTOMS AND DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY AGENTS - ARE NOW STATIONED AT COLOMBIA'S FOUR MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, WHERE THEY HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN INTERDICTING COCAINE TRAFFIC. THE MISSION IS ENCOURAGING THIS TREND TOWARD CLOSE COOPERATION AMONG GOC DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BY USING THE ATTORNEYGENERAL AS THE FOCAL POINT OF US-COLOMBIAN COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN NARCOTICS CONTROL.

2. THE COLOMBIAN MIN OF HEALTH -- WITH SUPPORT FROM THE GOC NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS AND THE MISSION -- HAS PUBLISHED PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF A MAJOR NATIONAL STUDY ON DRUG ABUSE. THESE RESULTS SHOW THAT IN CERTAIN REGIONS, 433 OUT OF EVERY 1000 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS INTERVIEWED HAVE EXPERIMENTED

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AT LEAST ONCE WITH DRUGS, AND THAT 117 OF THAT 433 ARE FREQUENT

USERS. PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS WERE FOUND TO BE THE MOST ABUSED, WITH MARIJUANA RANKING A CLOSE SECOND.

3. THE US INFORMATION AGENCY (USIA) BEGAN PRODUCTION IN JUNE OF A 30-MINUTE COLOR DOCUMENTARY FILM DEPICTING COLOMBIA'S EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE. THE FILM, WHICH IS FOR WORLD-WIDE DISTRIBUTION, IS BEING PRODUCED WITH THE COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION OF SEVERAL COLOMBIAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. IT WILL BE RELEASED FOR SHOWING IN EARLY 1976.

B. STATUS OF AGREEMENTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

ONE PROJECT AGREEMENT AND TWO AMENDMENTS WERE SIGNED WITH GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH. AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY (DAS) PROVIDES DOLS 220,400 FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS AND NARCOTICS DETECTION EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DAS NARCOTICS UNIT. AN AMENDMENT TO THIS PROJECT AGREEMENT PROVIDES DOLS 25,000 FOR CHARTER AIR SERVICES TO BE USED BY DAS OPERATIVES WORKING IMPORTANT CASES OUTSIDE BOGOTA. AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY-75 NATIONMRL POLICE PROJECT AGREEMENT PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 46,000 FOR TRAINING, TRAVEL AND AIRCRAFT CHARTERS IN SUPPORT OF THE F-2 NARCOTICS UNIT, WHICH NOW NUMBERS SOME 130 AGENTS.

C. TOTAL OBLIGATIONS AND EXPENDITURES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

	OBLIGATIONS	EXPENDITURES
U.S. PERSONNEL	-	-
EQUIPMENT	\$ 196,400	259,300
CONTRACT SERVICES	-	-
TRAINING	-	-
OTHER	95,000	9,500

D. TYPES, QUANTITY AND COST OF EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

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TYPE	QUANTITY	MQ	:9 5
VEHICLES	14 JEEPS		71,300
BOATS	3 UTILITY BOATS		13,400
MOTORS	6 OUTBD MOTORS/SPARE PRS		5,900
BINOCULARS	1.1 BINOCULARS		1,400
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	26 RADIOS & ACCESSORIES		43,900
LABORATORY EQUIP	44 NARCOTEST KITS		1,800

E. TYPES, QUANTITY AND COSTS OF EQUIPMENT IN PIPELINE

TYPE	QUANTITY	COST
VEHICLES	8 DODGE DART SEDANS	36,000
	2 PICK-UP TRUCKS	9,000
	12 JEEPS	63,200
	12 MOTORCYCLES	12,000
BOATS	1 BOAT, INBOARD	18,300
COMMUNICATION EQUIP	51 HANDIE-TALKIE RADIOS	138,000
	RADIO SPARE PARTS	16,000
	RADIO SHOP EQUIPMENT	5,100
	INTERPOL NET	30,000
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	9 TYPEWRITERS	2,500

F. OTHER SUPPORT COSTS NOT DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR DEA AGENTS INVOLVED IN
 "KITCHEN" AND OTHER OPERATIONS \$ 15,000

G. NUMBER AND TYPE OF PEOPLE TRAINED

-47 CUSTOMS AGENTS WERE GIVEN A TWO-WEEK COURSE ON NARCOTICS
 INTERDICTION IN BOGOTA BY A TEAM OF US CUSTOMS INSTRUCTORS.

-15 GOC CUSTOMS AGENTS FROM THE ABOVE GROUP RECEIVED US CUSTOMS
 TRAINING AS NARCOTICS COURSE INSTRUCTORS.

-3 CHEMISTS FROM GOC CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS LABORATORIES
 RECEIVED TWO-WEEK DEA SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS TRAINING IN WASHINGTON.

-8 NARCOTICS AGENTS FROM VARIOUS GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
 ATTENDED SIX-WEEK DEA ADVANCED NARCOTICS COURSES IN WASHINGTON.
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-2 RANKING GOI OFFICIALS FROM THE MINS OF HEALTH AND JUSTICE
 ATTENDED A TWO-WEEK DRUG PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION SEMINAR
 IN NEW MEXICO, AND LATER VISITED WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS
 WITH STATE, JUSTICE, AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS
 MATTERS.

-THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF COLOMBIAN CUSTOMS ATTENDED THE US
 TWO-WEEK ORIENTATION IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT AS THE GUEST OF THE
 DIRECTOR OF THE US CUSTOMS SERVICE.
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